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Dear Sirs:

Re: DRAFT AMENDMENT
United States Patent Application No. 09/402,488
Filed: February 16, 2000
Title: Method For Cleavage of Fusion Proteins
Inventors: Maurice Moloney, Joenel Alcantara and Gijs van Rooijen
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Examiner: D. Steadman

The present letter is to file a draft amendment for discussion purposes during the telephone interview that is scheduled between the undersigned and Examiner David Steadman on January 30, 2003 at 10 am.

Below we provide a proposal for an amendment to claim 1:

1. (Four Times Amended) A method for the preparation of a recombinant polypeptide comprising

a) transforming a host cell with an expression vector comprising:

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